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10th Garden Walk set for Sunday, July 10 in a 'Dally Down the Alley'

The Belleville Area District Library, along with its many volunteers, will present its 10th Garden Walk from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 10.

"Dally Down the Alley" will showcase six gardens in the city of Belleville. The "Alley" is located adjacent to Roland Street and all gardens are accessible from that Alley. No driving long distances this year. Everyone should be able to see all the gardens during the 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. timeframe.

The six gardens are very diverse and each has a different feel. Begin with an *Opening Act*, a *Healing Garden* (complete with a fairy garden), an *English Garden*, a *"Hippie" Garden* that includes a vegetable patch, a *Bungalow Garden*, along with a *Surprise Garden*. Since all gardens this year are "city" gardens, this is a great year

to get ideas for smaller areas, the organizers say.

Advance tickets are \$10 each and available until July 9 at the Belleville Area District Library, Garden Fantasy Greenhouse & Florist, and Garden Fantasy on Main. On the day of the Garden Walk tickets will be \$12 each and ONLY available at the "Alley" on Roland Street. Addresses will be available at that time.

The Gardener's Marketplace will open at 10:30 a.m. before the gardens open at 11 a.m. Roland Street is only one block long and will be closed so that vendors can showcase their creative wares before and during the Garden Walk.

All proceeds benefit the Belleville Area District Library. For more information call (734) 699-3291 or visit www.belleville.lib.mi.us.

Sumpter Twp. Board approves \$32,225 switch to LED streetlights

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its June 28 regular meeting, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approved a 2017 light conversion project through DTE Energy that will refit 95 street lights in the township with LED lighting.

The estimated cost is \$32,225 for Sumpter with a DTE contribution of \$1,984.

Annual savings are estimated at \$7,739.18, with the payback in about 3.66 years.

DTE Account Manager for Community Lighting Lance Alley said the price quoted is an estimate only. Final costs cannot be calculated until 2017 energy optimization rebates and material costs are finalized.

After Sumpter approved the agreement and the payment is made, DTE will begin final design and construction scheduling.

The township already has two LED lights at Graham Park, said Deputy Supervisor

Karen Armatis, who presented the proposal to the board.

Attorney Rob Young said a savings of just short of \$50,000 in ten years is expected.

Armatris said the township's request for a new street light at the dangerous Wilmot/Kozma corner is not a part of this project. She said DTE is considering that new light and the township was informed it must wait four weeks for an estimate. She said they have been waiting only two weeks, so far.

In other business at the June 28 meeting, the board:

- Heard Clerk Clarence Hoffman report that residents of Sully Drive have requested another street light at its unlit entrance. Young said that probably would be a special assessment district if the sub truly wanted lights;

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Photo courtesy Sherry Frazier

A special meeting of the Van Buren Public School Board of Education on July 1 coincided with the first day of a new contract for School Supt. Pete Kulak. So, the occasion was marked with a group picture. From left in front are Trustee Kelly Owen, Supt. Kudlak, and Trustee Kathy Kovach. In back, from left, are Trustee Sherry Frazier, Board President Brent Mikulski, and Trustee Allison Bennett. Absent were Secretary Kevin English and Vice President Martha Toth.

Van Buren school bus drivers get raises in newly ratified contract

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

It took two special meetings, but the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education finally ratified the one-year agreement between the district and the Van Buren Educational Support Team (VBEST).

The union and administration came to a tentative agreement on June 27 to allow a \$1.25 raise in starting pay for new bus drivers and \$1 for all other bus drivers, and continuation of the current health insurance for VBEST members, with the agreement to pursue other options as they become

available.

The contract will be reopened for these negotiations prior to Sept. 30.

It was important to get the one-year contract ratified by July 1, the beginning of the contract term, said School Board President Brent Mikulski, who set one special board meeting on June 30, and when that didn't work out, set another on the next day, July 1.

At a 4 p.m. meeting on June 30 members of the VBEST union voted for the contract with an "overwhelming majority,"

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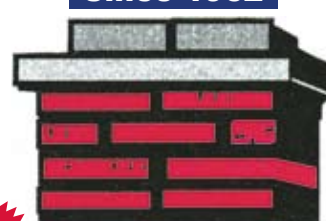
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School Board

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according to James Williams, director of buildings and grounds.

At 7 p.m. that same day, President Mikulski called the special school board meeting to order with three other members present: Trustees Sherry Frazier, Kelly Owen, and Kathy Kovach.

Absent were Trustee Allison Bennett, who was with her husband at the hospital where he was having tests; Secretary Kevin English, who was getting married on Saturday and was unavailable; and vice president Martha Toth, whose excused absence was not explained.

Mikulski told Frazier she would have to abstain because her son is a member of VBEST and so the vote was 3 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstain.

Trustee Kovach asked if the vote didn't have to be a majority of the seven-member board, which would be four affirmative votes, and Mikulski said, no, it could be a majority of those present.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m. and as the *Independent* reporter left the meeting room with former board president David Peer, the only other member of the audience, Peer said he knew from experience that there needed to be four votes to pass the agreement.

A short time later, the *Independent* was alerted by a phone call from president Mikulski that he had checked the by-laws in the school parking lot and four votes were needed to pass the agreement and there would be another meeting the next day at 6 p.m.

At the July 1 meeting, Mikulski apologized to the board for the previous night's situation and said he appreciated that they were willing "to be together tonight."

The same three trustees were present from the night before (Frazier, Owen, Kovach), plus Bennett who had rushed to the meeting from the hospital.

The new vote was 4 yes – 0 no – 1 abstain. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Mikulski said contracts with the food service and secretarial unions are still left to settle.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak attended both meetings. The second meeting, on July 1 marked his first day on the job as new superintendent of the Van Buren Public Schools.

He said by getting the contract ratified on July 1, it saves the union members money because of health care payments and the law that says workers don't get retroactive pay for raises.

At the June 30 meeting, Trustee Frazier said she was glad they have an agreement with VBEST and, "Glad we're able to increase pay for transportation workers."

"So we can be competitive," Trustee

Kovach added.

In side discussions before the meeting, Supt. Kudlak was told about the transportation director that left to go to the Huron schools in New Boston and then when she went to work at RESA, her replacement transportation director at Van Buren, left here and also went to Huron.

"We've got to keep our people," Supt. Kudlak stressed.

Sumpter Twp.

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- Approved a medical leave of absence from the paid-per-call fire department for Michael McHenry, who said he was on medical leave from his main job until August;

- Approved hiring Colleen Armatis as a fire fighter;

- Heard Trustee Don Swinson announce that the Parks and Recreation Commission's Family Fun Day starts at noon on July 23 at Graham Park with games and food;

- Heard attorney Young say at the last meeting the board reviewed changes to the dangerous animal ordinance. He said he would modify the existing ordinance following board member input and bring it back to one of the meetings in July for board consideration;

- Heard board members defend themselves from statements made by opposing candidates for office at the recent candidates' forum by the League of Women Voters. "Does it really surprise you there are unsubstantiated allegations during election season?" said attorney Young;

- Heard Mary Ban say she missed the candidate forum because she had to be at church that night. She said she has been coming to board meetings for 40 years and hasn't seen these candidates coming to meetings until now. She said she supports consistency. "After the [election] season's over they'll be all gone," she said. (Only one opposition candidate was at the June 28 meeting.);

- Heard Ban ask about lagoons, since she has learned about a lagoon in Van Buren Township that smells terrible and a person she knows who lives in that mobile home park wants to know who to contact for help. It was suggested she might call Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous. She also asked about the recent accident that closed Rawsonville Road between Bemis and Willis. Police Chief Eric Luke said it was a single vehicle rollover crash in front of Scot's Collision. Minor injuries, he said; and

- Heard Ban suggest that those answering the phone at township hall should identify themselves. Supervisor John Morgan said that was a good idea and he always welcomes tips on how to improve service to the community.



Facebook photo

A fire engine from Sumpter Township, a 3,000 gallon tanker from the City of Belleville, and two fire engines from Ypsilanti Township helped Van Buren Township fire department extinguish a blaze involving a shed and three mobile homes at Ash and Pine streets in Van Buren Estates mobile home park on Lohr Road early Saturday morning. The outside fire departments giving automatic mutual aid helped to shuttle water to the scene because the only hydrant there is outside the park. The neighbors made statements on Facebook that the fire was caused by fireworks because a family there was shooting off fireworks earlier in the night. VBT Fire Chief Dan Besson said his department is sifting through the witness statements, homeowner statements, and scene evidence to come up with a cause. "We have to rule out several things before we list a concrete cause," Chief Besson said.

Van Buren Township fire fighters battle two subdivision blazes

Van Buren Township fire fighters responded to a significant house fire in the 13000 block of Country Walk on July 1 at 12:35 a.m.

Fire Chief Dan Besson said they suspect a malfunction in an upstairs window unit air conditioner caused the fire that traveled up the outside wall and into the eaves eventually penetrating the roof prior to fire fighters arrival.

A quick knockdown by arriving fire crews helped contain the fire to the upstairs back bedrooms, which were both gutted, saving the rest of the home. Firefighters were able to locate and recover a dog from the home reuniting the dog with the grateful homeowners. No injuries reported. The loss was estimated at \$50,000. Chief Besson said his department does not have the capabilities to determine exact faults in appliances.

Van Buren fire fighters also had a garage fire on July 3 at 1:48 a.m. in the 42000 block of Richmond. Firefighters arrived to find flames shoving from the garage. Firefighters worked quickly to extinguish the fire and keep it from extending into the rest of the home. No injuries were reported. Loss was estimated at \$30,000. The cause of the fire was linked to fireworks, which had been used hours earlier that had smoldered in a plastic trash can before catching fire, Chief Besson said.

5K, Family Field Day set July 9 at Metropark to raise funds for DUO

The second-annual DUO (Do Unto Others) 5K & Family Field Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 9 at the Tulip Tree Picnic Area of Lower Huron Metropark, 17845 Savage Road, Belleville.

The Wayne-Westland DUO is a nonprofit organization that supports the local special needs community, including those in Belleville, and this day is presented in memory of Ashley Sherman.

Early Bird registration is now open for the group's largest fund raising event of the year.

The event provides a complimentary lunch to all participants at noon. The 5K fun run/walk features a scenic out and back course with electronic timing and finisher medals.

The Family Field Day activities include a nature walk, organized volleyball and kickball games, arts and crafts, and much more.

Register online for the event at www.DUO5K.racewire.com. Cost is \$35 (on-site \$40) for the 5K and Family Field Day and \$10 for the Family Field Day only. Group homes and individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families are encouraged to participate and may call (734) 404-8778 or email 5KFieldDay@wvduo.org to inquire about the \$5 Special Needs rate.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Road construction in Belleville causing massive headaches

Wayne County's work to resurface W. Columbia Ave./W. Huron River Drive from Five Points in Belleville to Elwell Road in Van Buren Township was applauded when it was announced because the roadway was so broken up.

Work began the day after Strawberry Festival ended and was expected to be done before school started. BHS is on that stretch. Residents along the route recently got a letter from the county saying the work would be done by late September or early October. The county has found more problems below the surface it has milled and it's going to take longer.

There's one-way traffic on the stretch now and lots of drivers going the wrong way. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said that's why police Chief Hal Berriman accepted the Van Buren Township police department's offer to help. But, residents didn't like VBT cruisers stopping drivers on city streets, often far beyond the construction and they complained to city hall.

At Tuesday's city council meeting, Kollmeyer said Chief Berriman, who wasn't present, would be at the next council meeting with a full explanation.

On Tuesday there also were complaints about county trucks going the wrong way in the one-way traffic lane which complicated things.

It's going to be a stressful summer in that part of town. Avoid it, if you can. Can hardly wait for school to start.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

How disgusted can one be with one's cable/internet provider? Pretty disgusted.

We are signed up at home for Xfinity at Comcast – at great expense, I might add. My family was without cable and internet for eight days starting last week and Comcast couldn't do anything about it.

It all started on June 27 when a suicidal squirrel knocked out our power to the house by blowing a fuse on a pole. That was fixed within hours by DTE.

But the blown fuse affected our cable/internet. That meant no cable TV so I couldn't watch the replays of the Van Buren Township meetings that I couldn't attend in person (because I was at other meetings). The antennae we strung up worked well enough for regular news and movies, etc., but not for meetings on cable.

That also means I couldn't get my stories that come by internet to me from our readers over the week end and I had to come into the office to work on July 4.

Good thing I resisted Comcast's efforts and kept my land line with AT&T or I would have had no phone at all for eight days.

Every time I would call Comcast, a very nice lady would say how sorry she was and how we would get it fixed. And, she couldn't. The next call was another nice lady who couldn't fix it, either. On Saturday, a very nice young man came out and replaced all the lines to the house and inside the house, and when that didn't fix anything, he determined there was no power to the house and it needed a tap on the pole. He didn't have a "key." We heard him on his phone ordering someone to come out and do the tap. That would take



...By Rosemary K. Oztzman

another 48 hours.

We were patient and when the 48 hours were up I called again and they said there was nothing on my account on the computer about any of my problems. Not the nice young man, not the tap, not the outage, for crying out loud. It was now going to take 36 more hours.

I called on Tuesday morning and, again, there is no record on my account of any of this. I hung up on the nice lady and told her I had to go to work, but FIX IT!

Later in the morning, my son Bill called the office from home and said Comcast was there and wanted to replace all the cable in the house, even though the nice young man already replaced it all on Saturday. Whatever. Then the guys came to go up the pole. We are going to sever our contract with Xfinity at home and with Comcast at the office. It's horrible. It's been a nightmare for me.

On Sunday I attended the Bugles Across America event at the Veterans Memorial on High Street in the City of Belleville. Before the ceremony started, bugler Ross Medos showed me how the back of the memorial is deteriorating.

He showed me how the cement is sinking in and cracking and how if you look at the flagpole bases the cement is three inches lower than it was. Ross said they didn't tamp down the base when building the monument and so it's giving way.

He said the latest report to the VFW is that the City of Belleville is having engineers look at it to give an estimate of how much it will take to fix it. I remember that discussion from a city meeting several months ago.


The city also was waiting for an engineer's estimate on what it would take to fix the seawall that is crumbling at Doane's Landing. That park has been roped off with orange mesh all summer and people ask me about it all the time.

In Sumpter Township another residence is getting permits as a place to grow medical marijuana under the township's ordinance. There is a new owner, big dogs, and a fence. DTE put in a new electrical line.

It's happened in other places in the township and some aren't getting permits.

It makes the neighbors nervous. I told those that call me that state voters approved the Medical Marijuana law and people get to grow a limited quantity for themselves and a few other patients. But it's hard to control what goes on in those houses. Sumpter Township is trying to make sure the places are safe with permitted electrical lines and permits from the building department. And, inspections.





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Letters

Boater deliberately ran into group of ducks

To the Editor:

Just wanted to let you know about something that happened last Saturday (June 25), late afternoon!

My son and daughter-in-law came over to visit at my apartment (Water's Edge). We sat outside at one of the benches facing the lake. We were watching several groups of ducks that were swimming in the lake. There were baby ducks, as well. They were just swimming around, enjoying themselves.

All of a sudden a boater pulling a tuber came speeding along and ran right into the first groups of ducks. This was no mistake! He deliberately ran into those creatures! His boat aimed directly into them. The poor ducks were flopping around and one seemed to be hurt. He was on his side, just flapping his wing. They were in clear distress.

We couldn't believe it! We ran down the stairway that led to the lakeshore to see if we could get a better sight of the boat, but they were too far away.

The ducks, as expected, were in a state of frenzy. Eventually they swam towards the shore area. I believe that one may have been seriously injured. They were too far away and we had no way to get there. We watched them for a while, but they were out of range for us to see them.

All I wanted to say: "What a bully." What a mean person! Who would do that kind of thing? Believe me, it was no accident!

I just hope that another boater near him could have seen what was done and hopefully turn him in.

What a sad, sad example to set! You should be ashamed of yourself!

You know who you are and I hope that you have thought about your actions and have some remorse!

So glad that you are an exception to the rule! Most people respect other living creatures.

Irene Yablin

Water's Edge Apartments

Van Buren Township

Reminder: While cops watch us, we watch them

To the Editor:

On Monday, July 4, at 11:55 a.m., I went to the Arby's on Belleville Road for some lunch. I had gone to the drive through and parked in the Arby's parking lot to eat.

I was facing west and noticed a VBPD fully marked Explorer parked facing east in the Old Farmer Jack parking lot. I thought

that maybe he was watching traffic.

As I was eating, I noticed a man on a bicycle going very fast and towing a Walmart shopping cart with his right hand. He rode past the officer (within 100 feet of him), didn't stop, and disappeared somewhere by Wendy's. The officer never moved! I thought, oh my God, aren't you going after that guy?

For the record, I went on line and discovered that some of those shopping carts are worth over \$800. Why didn't the cop stop him? I was so shocked that I drove over to see if the officer was in the car and coherent. And he was, but let the guy go.

Oh, while passing the cop I was able to determine that it was police vehicle #164. Being a holiday you must know that cop is lapping up fat overtime pay for basically sitting in his cruiser and staying awake. Nice going, Van Buren!

This is probably the same cop that was in the YouTube video letting a Jeep climb onto his police vehicle left front tire. The police need to realize that while you are watching us, we are watching you!

Events like this remind us of the likelihood of another lawsuit due to lack of discipline in the department. Good job, guys. Especially you, car 164.

Ashamed VBT Resident
 Name withheld by request.

Two Thumbs Up for Michigan PC Tech

To the Editor:

I also need to put my two cents in for Chuck Nerswick of Michigan PC Tech. He certainly does have vast knowledge of computers and the know-how to fix them. On top of that, he also guarantees his work. If you have related problems concerning your computer, he will make sure all is well and you are completely satisfied at no extra charge. He stands behind his work.

He is also very courteous when he comes out to help. Chuck did wonders on my own Apple computer, as well. Believe me, Apples aren't entirely virus-free. Malware does exist and he fixed it for me. A big thank you to Chuck!

Sincerely,
 Ryn Rupprecht
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We need help with Music Lakeside stage

To the Editor:

Looking for able-bodied adult or high-school-aged persons to help set up and break down the stage for Music Lakeside concerts every Thursday from now until the last concert on Aug. 25. Set up time is 5 p.m. and breakdown time is when the concert ends, usually about 9 p.m. Payment is a front row seat for each concert and guaranteed enjoyment of the evening. If interested, please call Ken Voigt at (734) 740-1769.
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• Wednesday, July 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday July 14 -- Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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Obituaries



Brenda Carrol Smith

BRENDA C. SMITH

(November 2, 1947 – June 28, 2016)

Brenda Carrol Smith, age 68, of Merriam Woods, Missouri, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born November 2, 1947 in Ohio County, Kentucky, daughter of Manley Joseph & Hilda Rae (Williams) Hinton.

Brenda retired from Ford Motor Company, Rawsonville Road plant, after 30 years of loyal service. She enjoyed taking care of others and loved to shop!

She is survived by her mother, Hilda Wood of Belleville, MI; four children Leon Smith II of Omaha, Arkansas, Carrol (Carlos) Muglia of Garden City, MI, Erin Bohmont of Belleville, MI and Alena Rose-Ralynn of Missouri; three grandchildren Amanda Smith, Caleigh Muglia and Carson Muglia; sister Pam Pennington of Missouri; also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Brenda was preceded in death by her father, also niece Crystal Pennington on June 18, 2016. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Thursday and 10-11 a.m. Friday, July 1, 2016 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI, 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Service was Friday at 11 a.m. Pastor Keith Worrell officiated. Interment was in Lulu Cemetery, Ida Township, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and would be appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Priscilla G. Moore

PRISCILLA G. MOORE

(November 25, 1939 – June 30, 2016)

Priscilla Gail Moore, June 30, 2016, age 76, of Van Buren Township.

Beloved wife of Larry. Dear mother of Kim (Celeste Waltz) Gough, Shawn (Jim) Hall, Becky Disney, Tammy Martin, Larry Moore, Cindy (Brian) Friess, and David (Jodie) Moore. Sister to Barbara Galbraith, Tom (Patti) Brennan, and the late George Brennan. Grandmother to 15 and great grandmother to 10.

Funeral Services from the First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square St., Wayne, Saturday, July 9, at 11 a.m. Visitation from the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Friday 3-8 p.m. and at church Saturday 10 a.m. until time of service. Burial to take place at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Family requests memorials to the church or St. Joseph Mercy Hospice. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com.



Oakie Combs

OAKIE COMBS

(September 17, 1944 – July 2, 2016)

Oakie Combs, age 71, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Saturday, July 2, 2016 at his home, surrounded by family. He was born September 17, 1944 in Redfox, Kentucky, son of Larry & Martha (Moore) Combs. Mr. Combs enjoyed hunting, fishing and fixing things. He loved playing guitar and spending time with family.

Survived by his loving wife, of 45 years on July 6, Linda H. (Montney) Combs; two daughters Myra (James) Stamper of Hallie, Kentucky, Cindy (Chilly McKinney) Shepherd of Belleville; son Brian (Aimee Bergeron) Shepherd of Canton, MI; eight grandchildren Cassandra (Alisha), James (Shaunna), Shawna (Adam), Matthew, Alyssa (Greg), John, Brian Jr. and Logan; a great-grandson Cody James Combs; brother Beckham (Nora) Combs of Taylor, MI; two sisters Carolyn Combs of Little Carr, Kentucky and Alma Portwood of Redfox, Kentucky; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Oakie was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Carles Combs and Truman Combs, two sisters Maxine Simmons and Mavis Adams, also a grandson Jeffrey DeWayne Combs. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, 2-8 p.m. Wednesday and Noon until 1 p.m. Thursday, July 7, 2016 with a 1 p.m. Funeral Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Interment will follow in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice Foundation and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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More Letters

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answered my prayer**

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Obituaries



John James Vacek, Jr



JOHN J. VACEK, JR.

(July 14, 1929 – July 3, 2016)

John James Vacek, Jr., age 86, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Sunday, July 3, 2016 at his home. He was born July 14, 1929 in Detroit, MI, son of John James & Mary (Mayeran) Vacek, Sr.

John graduated high school and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. He enlisted in 1948 and served 15 months in Okinawa and 15 months in Korea before he was honorably discharged in April of 1952. He married the love of his life, Arlene B. Meister in October 1952. John was a farmer in his younger years. He retired from General Motors Hydromatic plant after 30 years of loyal service as a machine setter. He was a member of the UAW and a lifetime member of the Romulus VFW. He enjoyed roller skating, snowmobiling and fishing. He kept a superb yard and loved to putter in his garage and fix things.

Mr. Vacek is survived by his loving wife Arlene; son Thomas J. (Wendy) Vacek of Ypsilanti; grandson Brandon (Beth) Vacek; sister Joan Crow of Brethren, MI; and several nieces, nephews extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, also a daughter Debra Sue Szafranski in August of 1982. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. The funeral service was at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 47445 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, with visitation an hour prior. Pastor Edward Zell officiated. Interment will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 8, 2016 at Maple Grove Cemetery, Kaleva, MI, arranged by Terwilliger Funeral Home, Kaleva, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Church or to an organization of the donor's choice, and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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Kenneth Leroy Bragenzer



KENNETH L. BRAGENZER

(November 22, 1944 – June 27, 2016)

Kenneth Leroy Bragenzer, age 71, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Monday, June 27, 2016 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born November 22, 1944 in Lima, Ohio, son of Chuck & Goldie May Bragenzer. Ken proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. He enjoyed working with his hands. He built houses, models, yard ornaments, swings and doll houses. He also enjoyed watching Nascar. Most of all, he loved his family.

Survived by his wife Carolyn Margaret (Hafler) Bragenzer; son Curt (Carla) Bragenzer of Belleville, MI; two daughters Jackie Pappas of Willis, MI and Dusty (Robert) McMullen of Belleville; 5 grandchildren, Cassandra, Clayton, Gracie, Dawson and Sammy Jo; two sisters Patty Courteau of Taylor, MI and Rosie (Mark) Todd of Wyandotte, MI; brother Dale (Marylou) Schellenberg of Ohio; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers John and Joe Bragenzer, also two sisters Ethel East and Bonnie Bragenzer.

Cremation rites have been accorded. The family hosted a dinner/gathering Thursday, June 30, 2016 at the VFW Post #4434, 44170 Bemis Road, Belleville, MI 48111 from 5-9 p.m. with full Military Honor Guard at 6:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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Verona Irene Fort

VERONA I. FORT

(September 23, 1935 – July 4, 2016)

Verona Irene Fort, age 80, of Detroit, MI, passed away Monday, July 4, 2016 at home. She was born September 23, 1935 in Monroe, MI, daughter of Lewellen & Grace (Kinsey) Holtz. Mrs. Fort enjoyed the outdoors, following the Detroit Tigers and all her children and grandchildren in their various sporting events. She also enjoyed going to the casino and the horse race track. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family, playing games.

Verona was the loving mother of seven children: Andrea Venegar-Garner of Detroit, MI, Verona (the late Ricky) Fort-Shipp of Southfield, MI, Renee (Leon) Jenkins of California, Robert (Suzanne) Fort of Sterling Heights, MI, Karen Fort of Belleville, MI and Thomas Fort of Detroit, MI and the late Valerie Fort (d. 1994). She was the cherished grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of 12, as well as the great-great-grandmother of one. She is also survived by siblings Donnela Schlichting of Ohio and Sharon (Bob) Albrecht of Midland, MI, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Visitation will be 10-12 PM Friday, July 8, 2016 with a Noon Funeral Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River

Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Interment will follow in United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to help abused women and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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Primary Election Special Pull-Out Section

VBT candidates introduce themselves for Aug. 2 primary election

The *Independent* sent out questionnaires to candidates for Van Buren Township elective offices so they could tell their stories in advance of the Aug. 2 Primary Election. All 12 are Democrats. No slates have been announced. The candidates submitted their information and this is what they said.

Three candidates are running for four-year terms as supervisor: Trustee Phillip Hart, Trustee Brenda McClanahan and former Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara.

Phillip Hart for Supervisor

Phillip C. Hart, 58, has lived at 12992 Linda Vista with his wife Karen since they built the house in 1986. They have two daughters, Ashley and Blair, both graduates of Belleville High School and Eastern Michigan University.

He has lived in the township for 33 years and last September retired from the Ford Motor Company after a 38-year career. He held multiple technical and management positions at the Dearborn Engineering Research Center. As a Ford New Model Launch Specialist, he was responsible for leading diverse launch teams in the introduction of new model vehicles at Ford facilities in the U.S. and abroad.

He is currently serving his fifth, four-year term as a VBT Trustee. As a trustee he has served on the Board of Zoning Appeals, Cable Commission, Environmental Commission, the Public Safety and Lake committees and the Solid Waste negotiating committee.

Hart holds a BBA – Bachelor in Business Administration – from Northwood University and an Associates Degree in Commerce from Henry Ford Community College, Citizens' Community Planner Certification from Michigan State University, and is a member of the Michigan Township Association Governance Academy.

He is a member of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, St. Anthony's church, and Belleville Yacht Club.

Hart said he is running for office because he has the education and experience and will be able to hit the ground running on day one.

A goal once elected: "Resolve Visteon Village Bond issue: The issue is how does the township avoid a default and meet the expected bond payment deficiencies when they arise? Background: The township structured a \$29 million bond to help pay for infrastructure improvements in support of the construction of Visteon World Headquarters located near I-275 and Ecorse Road. The bond was to be paid by tax revenue generated from Visteon Village

and the LDFA district. However, due to recessionary property devaluations and less tax revenue being generated, an expected bond payment deficiency is projected in 2019. The township is in litigation with Visteon, however, I will recommend to the board of trustees that we take a dual path of reserving funds annually to offset revenue deficiencies until the case is successfully litigated."

He also will plan for future development and growth and re-development of vacant sites such as the Farmer Jack building. He would like to see an anchor store such as a Big Bass Pro Shop, Field & Stream, Hobby Lobby or Bed Bath and Beyond.

Also, providing the highest level of public safety at an affordable cost is his objective. He said the police and fire services are in high demand and the employees are extremely busy.

"I will study our current support structure with our Director and Chiefs, working closely with them to identify critical needs and opportunities to meet the demands for service."

Brenda McClanahan for Supervisor

Brenda McClanahan, of 42783 Tavistock Drive, is married to Carl McClanahan and her daughter is Dr. Ayana Wilson.

She currently is a Van Buren Township Trustee and Adjunct Lecturer with Wayne County Community College District -Western. She formerly held the position of Adjunct Lecturer in the Masters of Arts Program at Saginaw Valley State University teaching "Organizational Finance."

McClanahan holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from University of Phoenix and a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University.

She was elected to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of education as a Trustee from 2008-2012. She held the position of vice-president during her tenure.

She was appointed to the Van Buren Township Public Safety Committee in 2009 by former Supervisor Paul White. She currently serves as the VBT board liaison for the Water & Sewage Commission.

McClanahan is a member of the University of Phoenix Alumni Association, Central Michigan University Alumni Association, Michigan Association of School Boards, Retired (Sergeant) Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association Member Emeritus, and Triumph Church.

She said she is running for office because, "I held several leadership positions in my previous law enforcement career. I'm a proven leader who believes in honest, transparent government that represents the interest of our residents. I believe in government providing a safe and secure environment in which our residents can live and raise their families. Our residents

deserve a Supervisor who has a graduate-level education and experience working in government for over 25 years. I thoroughly believe that service to the public is a privilege and not an entitlement. My candidacy boils down to my belief that I am the right candidate at the right time to be the Supervisor for Van Buren Township."

Her goals, once elected: "I will maintain a strong, well-managed public safety department. Public safety will always be my top priority. I will ensure that our township provides the best possible customer service to our residents and visitors."

"I will ensure that your tax dollars are used wisely by requiring our directors to be fiscally responsible and accountable to their budget allocations. I will work with the administrators of Belleville High School and the administrators at Wayne County Community College to provide a gateway to those students who are interested in obtaining college credit while attending high school. Finally, I will ensure that our employees are sensitive to the needs of our residents."

Kevin McNamara for Supervisor

Kevin McNamara, 58, lives at 45768 Prairiegrass Ct. with his wife Aida. They have two children, daughter Jamie and son Cullan.

He is a business consultant and attended University of Michigan, Dearborn, and the Senior Executives in Government Program at Harvard Kennedy School.

He was elected to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, 2001-06; Wayne County Commissioner, 2006-14, representing Van Buren Township; and ran unsuccessfully for Wayne County Executive in 2014.

McNamara was appointed to Wayne County Metro Airport Authority Board, Head Start board member (past chairman), SEMCOG delegate (chair of the Finance Committee).

He belongs to the Sierra Club, Friends of Belleville Library, WAVE (assisting elderly with water bills), Eagles and Lions Club.

"For 10 years I have been in positions overseeing most of the Western Wayne County communities. I know what has worked and what hasn't worked in these communities. Using this understanding, I see that Van Buren is at a crossroads. It has the ability to achieve premier status in the region, but, right now, it is not headed that way."

"I want to use my experience and knowledge to help Van Buren Township live up to its potential. My goal is to improve the quality of life for Van Buren residents and to make it a prominent community, envied by the region."

"Experts say townships run best with 30 to 50 thousands residents. Currently, we are at 30,000 and we should be in no hurry to get to 50,000. We should not take whatever development comes along. High density condos and apartments cost us money in crime, traffic congestion, and infrastructure construction – and they do

not add to the quality of life. Truck stops and business blight at our freeway entrances clutter our community's 'front door' and lessen our property values. We should work to attract vibrant shops and restaurants that add to the charm of our community."

McNamara

"Township leadership needs to be community-focused. We are lucky enough to have a beautiful lake, yet we have no quality lake front access. The DNR site off Belleville Road at the Bridge should be made into a community park/center in order to provide lakefront access for all of our citizens. I will also work to form a Homeowners Association Advisory Council to bring the subdivisions into the decision-making process in township government, following successful modes like Canton, Northville, and Bloomfield Hills. This way, the community has more say in how decisions are made. Not only this, I will make sure Police and Fire has the resources it needs to keep our community safe."

We also need to improve our roads. I will start with working to get trucking companies off our two-lane connector roads and route them to larger roads that can handle big rigs. I will also work with Wayne County to build roads that have concrete intersections to avoid premature potholes. I will establish code enforcement that works to clean up residential blight, acknowledging that some blight is due to the infirmities of the owners, and will get them the help they need to conform."

"The biggest problem of all is a school system that is perceived as sub-standard. We have wonderful, caring teachers and staff, top-notch facilities, first rate programs like band, athletics, drama and art, but low test scores are defining us. We need to make a statement as a community that our children's education is a top priority."

"That is why I am proposing that we create a privately funded 'Van Buren Promise' to provide two years of Community College education to every Van Buren child that graduates from Belleville High School. It has worked in other communities, driving up test scores as much as 30% and housing values along with it."

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Leon Wright for Clerk

Running for reelection as township clerk is Leon Wright, who is unopposed in the primary election.



Wright

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Primary Election Special Pull-Out Section

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Sharry Budd is seeking re-election as Township Treasurer and Harry Roesch, III, is also seeking the position.

Sharry Budd for Treasurer

Sharry A. Budd, 74, 42700 N. I-94 Service Drive, has lived in the township for 51.5 years and is seeking reelection as treasurer.

Her husband William (Bill) died on March 2. They have three sons: James, Jay, and Jeffrey, all married. There are eight grandchildren.

Budd graduated from Huron High School, attended Wayne County Community College District, and is a Certified Public Finance Official. She was serving on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education in 1992 when she was appointed Deputy Clerk of Van Buren Township. She has been township Treasurer for 20 years.

"I was born and raised in Huron Township. Fifty-one years ago I moved to Van Buren Township when I married my late husband William. Together we raised our three sons. I have deep roots in our community and still live on the farm that has been in my husband's family for several generations.

"I have served on the school board and have been the township Treasurer for the past 20 years. I am an active member of September Days, Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, Van Buren Civic Fund and township Planning Commission. I have participated in numerous seminars and training sessions in governmental matter. I am a certified Municipal Finance Administrator.

"I am running for re-election because I want to continue to serve our community. I understand the needs and wants of our residents and believe that my financial experience, commitment, and integrity will help Van Buren Township grow responsibly.

"My priority as Treasurer for the past 20 years has been to provide the highest level of service. I am responsible for the collection, investment and distribution of over \$80 million of property taxes annually and have consistently received exemplary audits.

"Our computer system has been updated to better serve the public. Residents can review tax information and pay tax and water bills on line. We have enabled charge card payments, installed a curbside drop box and run an annual drive through dog licensing event. I will continue to seek to improve service.

"There are a number of serious issues facing the township including the Visteon bond shortfall and providing adequate funding for public safety and other township services. As a member of the Township Board, I will utilize my experience and knowledge of our community to address these issues in a fiscally responsible manner."



Budd

Harry Roesch, III for Treasurer

Harry Roesch, III, age 67, of 47541 North Shore Drive, is seeking the office of Treasurer. He is married to Edith and retired from Great Lakes Steel.

He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Roesch has lived in the township for 11 years and unsuccessfully ran for treasurer four years ago. He has been on the VBT Board of Review for five years.

He serves on the Board of Directors of Community Focus Federal Credit Union.

He said he is running for office because of "my disappointment that no progress has been made towards the Visteon debt. Business as usual with six years wasted."

Once elected, his goal would be to "find ways to reduce the Visteon debt without raising taxes. Work with the Board of Trustees and other elected officials sharing ideas and forming the best solution for VBT, respecting and supporting all VBT employees."

If elected, Roesch said he will donate 10% of his salary to local organizations.

Six candidates are running for four, four-year Trustee seats on the township board.

Sherry Frazier for Trustee

Sherry Frazier, 67, of 41167 South I-94 Service Drive, has lived in the township for 35 years.

Her husband was the late Wayne Frazier and their children are William Frazier, Suanna Frazier-Abbasi, and Andrew Frazier. She holds a Master's degree from the University of Michigan, a Specialist degree from Wayne State University and a Bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University.

She retired from the Plymouth-Canton School District and has been a licensed Realtor for more than 30 years.

Frazier was elected to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education four times and served 1984-88, 1988-92, 2010-14, and 2014-present.

She was appointed to the Wayne Oakland Library Federation Board (vice president) presently The Library Network. She was appointed when it went through great changes in serving public libraries. Belleville Area District Library is a member. She was the U of M Liaison to the White House Conference on Libraries.

Frazier is a board member for the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, a member of the Belleville Area Museum, National Association and Michigan Association of Realtors, Greater metropolitan Association of Realtors, Michigan Association of School Boards, and Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club.

She enjoys her family grandkids, dogs, reading, staying active and enjoying her blessings.



Roesch

She said she is running because: "I think it is time for a fresh perspective at the Trustee Board table. I believe I have the skill set needed to positively impact our community. I am committed to public service as I have demonstrated by serving four terms on the Van Buren School Board, as Vice President, Treasurer, and Trustee.

"I will stand up for what is best to move the Township forward while watching out for taxpayers. I have a vested interest in seeing the Township thrive since my present occupation, as a Realtor, is all about selling communities. A thriving community has a strong Public Safety program, good schools with a full academic and extracurricular program, amenities like an active seniors program, parks and recreation, major road connectors like I-94 & 275, educational hub close to major universities and community college opportunities, a useable beautiful recreational lake, cultural activities like museum, library, Council for the Arts, League of Women Voters, the list for Van Buren Township goes on. These amenities make Van Buren Township an attractive place to live and raise a family.

"It is imperative that we continue to grow and provide a vision for our residents.

One that attracts new businesses, tech companies, and health organizations, but most important new families that want to call Van Buren Township home.

"If elected I will seek input from fellow board members, employees, residents, and the business community. I believe COMMUNICATION is vital and healthy debates over important issues can benefit our community. I want the highest level of services for our residents accomplished through a cost-effective manner to eliminate unnecessary expense.

"We need to network more with county, state, and Federal agencies to make the most of our tax dollars. We have issues facing the township that could impact our budget. The Visteon bond issue will soon come due, and costs would have to be passed on to our taxpayers. We need to be pro-active and have a plan in place.

"Health and retirement costs for Public Safety employees will continue to rise. We need to have a strong vision in place. Keeping taxes down while attracting businesses and families are key to becoming a premier community," she concluded.

Kevin D. Martin for Trustee

Kevin D. Martin, 60, of 9405 Madison Drive, has lived in the township for 20 years and is seeking the position of Trustee. He is married to Lisa Martin.

Martin is a HVAC-R Skilled Trades worker at General Motors, Romulus Engine Plant. He is a member of the Romulus High School Class of 1974 and did apprenticeship training at Henry Ford College.

This is his first bid for public office.

Martin has been a member of UAW Local



Frazier

163 since 1977 and belongs to the NAACP. He is a trustee with the Western Wayne Democratic Club, a trustee of the Charter Club Estates Homeowners Association and the Civil Rights Representative for UAW Local 163. His hobbies include reading and bowling.

He is running for Township Trustee because, "... after 20 years of living here and watching VBT grow, I want to play a role in our continued progress. I want to bring a diversity of life experience to the township's leadership and work to ensure the continued financial integrity of VBT through the effective use of our tax dollars. I want to work to maintain the safe neighborhoods and increasing property values. I want to ensure that our public safety department has the funding that is needed to deliver the services desired by residents.

"Once elected, I have two main goals to accomplish as a Trustee. First, I would bring transparency and integrity to the office of Trustee by having quarterly public forums in addition to the regular twice-monthly board meetings where board actions would be discussed, explained, and questions answered concerning issues that may be weighing heavily on the hearts and minds of township residents. These forums would also be used for citizens to voice other concerns related to VBT. Second, I would bargain in good faith with all of our labor unions and maintain a good working relationship with the men and women that work for our community," he said.

Reggie Miller for Trustee

Reggie Miller of 13697 Pond Bluff Drive has lived in the township for the past 16 years. She moved to Belleville in 1996.

She currently is completing her first, four-year term as Township Trustee and is the only incumbent Trustee seeking reelection.

She is married to her college sweetheart and they raised their two children in the community. She works as a part-time, self-employed courier/messenger service.

Miller earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a major in marketing from Cleary University in Ann Arbor, graduating *summa cum laude*. She also holds an Associate degree with a double major in marketing and communications from Purdue University North Central, Indiana.

She is a graduate of the Michigan Political Leadership Program at Michigan State University, which is a multi-partisan progressive leadership program on effective governance. She also is a graduate of the Township Governance Academy through the Michigan Township Association.

As Township Trustee she served as board liaison for both the Senior Endowment Committee and the Elections Committee. She is an active member of the Southwestern



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Wayne Democratic Club.

Previously, Miller served as the former vice chair of the Public Safety Committee, executive director of the National Strawberry Festival, and vice president of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority.

Miller is a member of the League of Women Voters. She has volunteered for two homeowners' associations serving in different roles and was a former Savage School volunteer in the resource room and has volunteered over the years throughout the community. She also volunteers for the Salvation Army annual holiday kettle drive.

Miller enjoys gardening, photography, traveling, and bike riding. She and her husband are members of Trinity Episcopal Church.

She said she is running for re-election, "... because I believe that local government works best when focused on serving residents' needs. I will continue to preserve, promote, and protect our community, while being fiscally responsible with our township budget. I will continue to take common-sense approach to serving the hard-working taxpayers of our community by listening to their concerns, and I pledge to put 'people before politics.' I also believe in giving back to the community and donated, as promised, over one year's salary to the local schools, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and to the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. I will work hard for you because I have a passion for the work that I do as your public servant.

"I am running with the vision to preserve, promote, and protect Van Buren Township. I will continue to serve my community by using common sense and good judgment. I will not be influenced in a negative way, or by outside noise. I will base my decisions on facts, not favoritism, political ties or personal agendas.

"I will work with the new supervisor and board to continue to work on the strategic plan to move our community forward, helping to promote local businesses, and the unique qualities that Van Buren Township has to offer such as the beautiful lake and recreational activities.

"Public safety will continue to be a high priority. I will advocate against fracking waste from other states being shipped into VBT. If re-elected, I will work with other elected officials to better serve my community. I will also promote and encourage the Board of Trustees to work together cohesively to accomplish goals that we focus upon" and much more.

Albert H. Ostrowski for Trustee

Albert H. Ostrowski, 61, of 41720 Savage Road, has lived in the township for 13 years. He has three grown children --

Donald, Albert Jr., and Shelby -- and seven grandchildren.

He is a 1974 graduate of Gabriel Richard High School.

Ostrowski served as a VBT Trustee in 2008-12 and is seeking his second term.

"I have been in public service for the past 20 years, either as an Animal Control Officer for 20 years, elected official (VBT Trustee 2008-12) or through my private business, Al's Wildlife Removal Service (since 2007). I have enjoyed serving the public over the years and hope to continue to do so in the future," he said.

He said he is running for office as a way to give back to the community.

"There will be trying times ahead as this township moves forward. We may be losing revenue from the Visteon fiasco and loss of landfill funds in a few years. If we can't recoup monies that were

dedicated to Visteon years ago, one just has to look at the City of Allen Park which lost MILLIONS to a failed film company. They eventually had to have an Emergency Manager come in to take over. I hope we don't have to go down that road, but it could become a reality. The residents of this township should be prepared," he said.

"We need to start planning now to deal with lost revenue" from Visteon and landfill funds, he said.

"I favor a strong, dedicated, separate Police Department and Fire Department. We will need to look at 'legacy costs' (the blended rate issue comes to mind) through the coming years as we move forward and try to minimize those costs. I didn't agree with the way the 'Public Safety' millage increase was mismanaged through our elected officials. Definitely a lack of foresight on their part. Residents deserve better. I will demand accountability from those in leadership positions in every department.

"I am a member of the Michigan Association of Animal Control Officers and vice president of The Buster Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit Pitbull Education and Rescue based here in Van Buren Township."

Ostrowski said he will continue to support public safety with a millage increase.

Paul D. White for Trustee

Paul W. White of 17329 Haggerty Road has lived in the township for more than 50 years. He and his wife Sue have an adult son Barry.

He retired from Kroger Company in 2001 after 36 years of service and management experience.

His hobbies include helping bluebirds to survive, fishing, and flower gardening.

White was elected VBT supervisor and served 2008-12. He was unsuccessful in a bid for re-election.

Now, he is running for a Trustee position.

He is a high school graduate, finishing near the top of his class, and has one year of

college. He took many classes and trainings as supervisor.

He said he is running for office to have influence in budgetary expenditures, increase professional appointments to committees and commissions, and work for better transparency on millage requests and budget expenses.

Once elected, White said he would take action to force Visteon to pay the bond payment shortfall as it promised, promote transparency in the general budget, and work for professional, not political, appointments to commissions and committees.

Anthony Woodford for Trustee

Anthony Woodford, 65, of 42797 Tavistock Dr., has lived in the township for 15.5 years. He has been married to Janis for 27 years and they have a son Michael Carter, who is a computer security analyst; and daughters Rheutelia Carter, a police officer in Detroit, and Veronica Hullum, a school teacher in Ann Arbor.

"I love to play chess and collect chess sets from all over the world," Woodford said.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, with a focus in technology from Wayne State University and a Master's degree in interdisciplinary Technology with a focus in Police Management from Eastern Michigan University. He also is a graduate of the EMU School of Police Staff and Command and a graduate of the Federal Investigative Services Division, Special Agent Academy.

Woodford is retired. This is his first bid for public office.

He is a member of the Wayne State University Alumni Association, the Eastern Michigan University Alumni Association, and the Detroit Police Department Lieutenants and Sergeants Association.

He said he is running for office, "to be a positive representative of the citizens of VBT as a Trustee because they need objective, accountable, and transparent representation on the governing board."

Once elected, his goal is, "to address and resolve the prioritized, urgent matters, while also working diligently to leverage the assets of VBT in order to create new streams of revenue."

"Van Buren Township is more than a place that simply embodies the life-enriching amenities that bring great pleasure to the lives of its residents and visitors. VBT is a diverse community ready to reinvent itself as a progressive, well-governed place to live, work, and play. This community by all measures is a work in progress that finds itself at a crossroads, where the need for a well-qualified governing board can no longer be denied.

"As a community, we can and must seize the time and elect quality leadership or continue on a path that is certain to lead us to financial disparity and decline. My

goal is to become a valued member of our governing board as a trustee. Aided by your much-needed input and support, I know we can accomplish great things together in our community," Woodford said.

"Throughout my life I have been totally committed to public service. I served for four years in the United States Navy during the Viet Nam War while holding a Top Secret Clearance. My first job after being honorably discharged from the Navy was with the Dial Financial Corporation where I served for two years as a Credit Manager and reached the level of Assistant Branch Manager.

"I then began on my career path in law enforcement with the Detroit Police Department which spanned over 35 years. I retired from the DPD after attaining the rank of Lieutenant and serving as the Commanding Officer of several high-visibility units. Also during my tenure with DPD I was tasked with the responsibility of creating a unit to investigate all police shootings both fatal and nonfatal from both a criminal and administrative perspective. In order to successfully accomplish my goal, I developed a real good understanding and practical working knowledge of managing by objectives, creating and championing actions plans, and employing an effective process to find and implement best practices. This enabled me to author, publish, and gain approval for my standard operating procedures and protocols thereby making my newly created unit fully operational as the 'Force Investigation Unit.'

"After retiring from DPD I then served as a Special Agent holding a Top Secret Clearance with the Federal Investigative Services Division where I conducted background investigations on individuals seeking federal positions that involved national security and/or public trust."

He said he has always adhered to three guiding principles throughout his career in public service: Humility, Ability, Integrity.

"If elected to the position of Trustee, I will be in a position to definitely know what the main priorities are and where we are in terms of dealing with them. According to the strategic plan developed by SEMCOG in cooperation with the VBT Board of Trustees in May of 2014, the Visteon projected bond shortfall is at the top of the list as it should be until it is successfully resolved.

"Because this is a potential knockout punch, we have to deal with it by employing an aggressive strategy that leaves no stone unturned in our attempt to minimize our financial obligation as a township. Due diligence should become the mantra for the VBT Board of Trustees because the very lack of it is the shovel that was used to dig the hole we currently find ourselves in."



Miller



Ostrowski



White



Woodford

Primary Election Special Pull-Out Section

Sumpter candidates introduce themselves for Aug. 2 primary election

The *Independent* sent out questionnaires to the 16 candidates for Sumpter Township elective offices so they could tell their stories in advance of the Aug. 2 Primary Election.

Fifteen are Democrats and one is a Republican. The candidates submitted their information and this is what they said, in alphabetical order.

At the top of the Sumpter ticket, two candidates are running for four-year terms as supervisor: incumbent John W. Morgan and newcomer Jay Bardell, II. Each of the supervisor candidates is running as a part of a team carrying their names.

Jay Bardell, II for Supervisor

Jay Bardell, II, age 59, of 22161 Elwell Road, has lived in the township for 35 years. He and his wife Roxanne have four daughters: Sarah Sinclair, Kelly Murphy, Sarah Kovalak, and Mandy Martin and five grandchildren: Jackson, Madelynn, Noah, Charlie and Olive.



Bardell

He has announced he is running as part of a six-member team.

He graduated from high school and has some college credits. Bardell is retired and unsuccessfully ran for trustee in the past.

He is an appointed member of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission and the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission.

His hobbies are farming, camping, gardening and fishing.

"I have very specific goals if elected Township Supervisor: Integrity, transparency, and fiscal responsibility.

"Under my leadership I will save the township over \$300,000 during my four-year term. If elected as Sumpter Township Supervisor, along with my team (Lydia Graber, Deb Callison, Jerry Anderson, Ron Robinson and Jane Stalmack), the very first meeting once we take office, will be to rescind the medical reimbursement that the current board receives in lieu of taking the medical insurance that none of them need, which is costing our taxpayers over \$75,000 a year for the part-time board.

"Cell phones that are being used by board members that our taxpayers are paying the bill for will be eliminated, saving another \$10,000 a year for our seniors and youth. We don't need the residents paying for our cell phones.

"My goal is to bring Sumpter Township up to date for the disabled members of our community. I will make sure we follow state and local guidelines for the disabled and promote accessibility to our township buildings, grounds, and transportation.

"I will work closely with Conference of Western Wayne and Wayne County. I want to get out there and meet with our surrounding communities and work toward making our community the best for our residents. Let them know we're stopping at nothing to get our roads, ditches, drains taken care of once and for all.

"Transparency is key. I will have an open-door policy. Any concerns or problems a resident has will be addressed, discussed and investigation, which will result in resolution. As Supervisor, my door will always be open.

"At the board meetings, the residents should know what each item on the agenda is and how it will impact the township. Expenses should be discussed during the board meeting not just unanimously approved.

"Grants and anything else we can do for the community, we're going for it. Our township has a lot of potential and we have to find ways to improve it for all.

"Our residents deserve to be treated with respect and courtesy. As a resident of Sumpter Township, and living here for over 35 years, I want to make it clear to the residents I will potentially serve, that I am NOT a politician. I am a community member looking to make positive changes to my own community. To make it a better place for my children, grandchildren, and yours," he concluded.

John W. Morgan for Supervisor Incumbent

John W. Morgan is seeking election as township supervisor, a position he was appointed to in 2014 when the elected Supervisor Johnny Vawters resigned for health reasons.

Morgan, 83, has been living in Sumpter Township for 40 years. He is married to Beatrice and their children are Jacqueline and Gary.

Morgan retired from the Romulus Community School in 1997. He is a U.S. Army veteran and holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from Eastern Michigan University and a Master's degree in Education Leadership from EMU.

Morgan was elected Sumpter Township trustee in 1978-1980 and appointed Sumpter Township Treasurer in 1982 and elected treasurer in 1984-2012.

He is a member of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel, Michigan Democratic Party, Southwest Wayne Democratic Club, NAACP, and Sumpter Progressive League. He has a gym membership and does regular workouts. And, he loves to golf.

"I strongly feel that more than ever this township needs experienced, qualified leadership to meet the complex problems facing most communities now and in the



Morgan

future," Morgan said. "I feel that I have the skills and the experience to meet these challenges. Under my leadership I can facilitate creative strategies that offer new, effective approaches to these challenges.

Once re-elected, "I will continue to maintain a balanced budget. Continue to provide essential services to our residents without asking for new millages. I will continue to improve upon these services by putting qualified and motivated leadership in place and give them the training they need to best do their job.

"The township board has not raised taxes. Any millages are always voted on by the residents! I will continue a working relationship with state, federal and county officials in order to keep our roads, ditches and drains in properly working condition," he concluded.

Three candidates are running for Sumpter Township Clerk.

Deb Callison for Clerk

Deb Callison of 49250 Willis Road has lived in the township for 17 years. She is married to Dave, who she calls, "the love of my life for over 45 years and the hardest working man I know, a great father and fabulous papaw."

She is a business owner and accountant.



Callison

Callison is very active with the Wounded Warrior Project, Thin Blue Line, and rides a Yamaha 1100 Silverado motorcycle. She enjoys camping, helping with numerous charity events, and her family and friends.

She said she is running for office, "to be able to insure Sumpter Township that we are doing and receiving the best representation available. My willingness to help and sometimes go against what is proposed.

Once elected, her goal is to, "Have an open-door policy; improve Sumpter Township any way we can to always be better; Listen to our residents, without judgment, to help resolve issues; and Define how business growth and country can work as one," she said.

Esther Hurst for Clerk

Esther Hurst, 61, of 46323 Arkona Road, has been a township resident for 56 years. She is a widow and has two children James and Jennifer.

Hurst holds a high school diploma and retired earlier this year after 14 years as Deputy Clerk. This is her first bid for elective office.

She is a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission and Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club. She enjoys crafts and quilting.

She is running for office because, "I have worked for 30 years in the clerk's office. I am a certified Elections Clerk. I have been secretary of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, and Parks and

Recreation. I would like to make changes to the clerk's office."

She said with her years of experience, she knows the inner workings of the office and the township. She said she is knowledgeable regarding the township ordinances and rules regarding the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

Once elected, her goals are to: "Update the PA system and cable system in the board room. Look into programs that would help seniors be able to stay in their homes. I will strive to bring more business to help the township have a stable financial future," she said.

"I have lived in Sumpter Township all my life. I am very proud to say that this community is a safe place to raise the next generation of children," Hurst said.

Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr. for Clerk Incumbent

Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr., of 45100 Dunn Road, is running for re-election as clerk.

He is married with four children and four grandchildren and has been a Sumpter resident all his life. He retired from the Ford Motor Co. after 44 years of service.

Hoffman is a veteran, 32nd Degree Mason, and a Shriner.

Hoffman has a long career of public service in Sumpter Township. He served

as supervisor for four years, clerk for 14 years, treasurer for two years, and trustee for four years. He was a member of the Constable Association for 10 years and was vice president of the Wayne Division. He is a member of the Michigan Democratic Party, Sumpter Seniors, Lions Club, and Association of Wayne County Clerks.

Hoffman is one of the founding members of Nourishing Gardens Food Bank and Outreach Program, developed in 2003 to help low-income residents in Sumpter Township with emergency food and other services provided at no cost. He points out it is the only program of its kind in Sumpter Township.

He also is a member of CAF5, the Community Assistance Foundation, program started to assist families in need in the five communities served by the 34th District Court.

Hoffman reports he has worked to improve the fire and police departments, complete water lines so everyone can have safe drinking water, extend sewer lines, add new "radio meters", and worked to bring emergency warning sirens to the township.

Hoffman said he is running for office
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Hurst




Hoffman

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"to continue to work for and support the people of Sumpter Township."

Hoffman said among his goals are: "We need to seek out Economic Development to improve the tax base and keep our property tax as low as possible. I will focus on the spirit of what is best for Sumpter Township and continue to improve the services and activities for all Sumpter Township citizens."

He also will work with the other board members to continue to make improvement in Sumpter Township.

Two candidates are running for treasurer.

Alan D. Bates for Treasurer Incumbent

Alan D. Bates, 72, is seeking election as Sumpter Township Treasurer, a position he was appointed to in 2014.

He was elected to four-year terms as Trustee in 2004 and 2012.

Bates, a retired builder, has lived in the township for 36

years. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Eastern Michigan University.

He is a member of the Michigan Democratic Party, Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club, Sumpter Seniors, Sumpter Parks and Recreation Commission, and serves as Sumpter Township Parks Administrator.

Bates said he is running for office because, "I have built many houses in Sumpter Township and in 2004 I was asked to run for the office of Trustee. I felt it was time to give back to Sumpter. I have taken pride in what I have built and want to keep that pride by serving on the township board as your Treasurer."

"We have a good group of Trustees that work well together to govern the township, solve its problems, and move Sumpter forward. To me, Sumpter Township and its citizens are what is the most important. I want to keep serving the citizens with any

new technology that will help everyone. I will keep improving the township website in order to keep the citizens informed. Keeping our current services and maintain a balanced budget continues to be my goals. That is why I am seeking to keep the position of Sumpter Township Treasurer."

Lydia May Graber for Treasurer

Lydia May Graber, 65, is seeking the office of Sumpter Township treasurer. She and her husband Marvin Graber have lived in the township for 22 years.

She is a retired mortgage banker. She has a high school diploma and two years of college.

This is her second time seeking elective office. The first was running for National Secretary of the Little People of America, Inc.

Graber served as chairperson of the Michigan Governor's Commission from 1992-2005; chaired the Volunteer Committee at the National President's Committee Disability Conference in 1996, where she was recognized for her outstanding contributions.

A member of Little People of America, Inc., since 1960, she has held several district, regional, and national offices and was presented the Distinguished Service Award for outstanding service and dedication to LPA and its members.

She volunteered with the Dwarf Athletic Association of America (DAAA) and the Michigan Wheelchair Athletic Association and remains active today. Graber competes in DAAA, bringing home several Regional, National, and International medals. Serving as the first woman president of the Pontiac Optimist club, she received the Outstanding Leadership Award and J.C. Penny honored her with the state Golden Rule Award for volunteerism.

A former member of Northwest Airlines Advisory Board for travelers with disabilities, she currently serves as chairperson of the Training & Compliance Committee on Delta's Advisory Board. A



Graber

member of Michigan Paralyzed Veterans, a consultant with the new construction of Comerica Park, Ford Field and University of Michigan football stadium and the new Detroit Red Wings stadium. She works as an advocate doing disability awareness and sensitivity trainings in her community and volunteers at her church as a member of the Financial Committee and the Youth Group.

Graber said she is running for office because: "Since the early 1970s, decades before Congress sought to pass any legislation pertaining to persons with disabilities, I was at the forefront of the struggle. Working with local government and corporations to adapt policies to aid people with disabilities with something as simple as being able to board an airplane gave me insight into the creation of public policy. I have sought to create effective policy, working not on issues for persons with disabilities, but for the underdogs, the common and overlooked people, the people who for so long have had no voice. With the support of my family, I believe that the time has come for me to bring this passion to serve the people of Sumpter Township, bring common sense solutions to the table in an uncommon way," she said.

"I believe that my experience in both the private and public sector as an advocate for the common sense approaches makes me uniquely qualified to tackle some of the issues we have here in Sumpter Township. Foremost among these issues being education. I believe that with support, we can find workable solutions that will benefit the citizens of Sumpter Township and create a positive dialog between the elected officials and the people in dealing with issues important to us all."

"My goal is to ensure accessibility for all, support programs for everyone from children to our seniors, all while maintaining common sense and responsible fiscal accountability. Paraphrasing a much more talented writer, I believe that all persons are created equal, and should be treated as equals; that elected officials should demonstrate care of the public trust and should demonstrate the highest levels of integrity."

Nine candidates are running for the four, four-year trustee seats.

Jerry Anderson, Jr. for Trustee

Jerry Anderson, Jr., 53, has lived in Sumpter Township for more than 40 years. He is married to Marie and he has a son Jay and stepchildren James, Samantha, and Daniel.

He is a business owner with a high school diploma and this is his first run for elective office.

He belongs to the NRA and just joined the Southwestern Wayne County Democratic



Anderson

Club. He enjoys fishing, boating, and ORV-ing.

He is running because the "township needs change, new growth, activities for all ages. I want to get the community back involved in their own township. The residents of Sumpter Township are asking for accountability."

Once elected, he said, "I want to see what more we can do to help the seniors, more activities for our youth. Open-door policy. Tired of hearing about residents asking for help and not receiving it."

Don LaPorte for Trustee Incumbent

Don LaPorte is seeking to be elected as Trustee, a position he was appointed to following the death of Trustee Bill Hamm.

LaPorte of 19240 Sumpter Road has been married to Robin for 28 years and they have two adult children, Don, Jr., a public safety officer, and Samantha, in college. He has lived in Sumpter for 46 years.

After graduating from Belleville High School in 1984, he began working at L&W engineering, starting as a production operator and progressing to a tool maker. After eight years of service, I hired into Ford Motor Company in 1994, working production then skilled trades in 1995. He spent 22 years at Ford.

While working at Ford he was able to get his state medical certification to provide community service by working for Sumpter Fire Department starting in 2006. Since working for the fire department he has earned several certifications in fire-related training, including fire instructor.

He is past president of Michigan Association of Fire Fighters Local 343, Sumpter Fire Department, and is a past member of the Sumpter Planning Commission.

LaPorte is a Medical First Responder, fire fighter, and has been fire instructor for Sumpter Township for 10 years.

Since being appointed to the township board in late 2015, LaPorte has taken classes through the Michigan Township Association on being a trustee, learning of his responsibilities.

"I have great pride in learning all that I can and sharing what I have learned with the residents," he said. "I believe in being fiscally responsible with our money and I also believe it is paramount to be transparent in spending. Things that are personal in nature between the employee and the township should be kept private and only discussed between the two parties."

His goal is to "continue to strive to make a better police and fire department with hands-on training, to oversee the fiscal responsibilities of the township for both elected and employed persons, and to

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keep the country-like atmosphere within Sumpter Township with rural zoning in mind.”

He also said he wants to increase the business base within the commercial area of the township to provide residents with convenient and local resources.

Also, he wants to continue to be the very best husband and father that he can be for his wife and children.

Peggy Morgan for Trustee Incumbent

Peggy Morgan, 57, of 46330 Claxton Drive, is running for reelection as Trustee.

She first ran for Sumpter Township Trustee in 2003 and lost by 39 votes. Since then she ran in 2004 and won -- and won again in 2008 and 2012, and has served three terms.

She attended board meetings for about ten years before running for office.

She is married to Richard E. (Bud) Morgan and they have two sons, Richard E. II and David W., and four grandsons.

She graduated from Garden City East High School in 1977 and took Living Skills training at Schoolcraft College and Nurse's Aide training at Garden City Hospital.

She took RESA training for driving a school bus and retired from the Van Buren Public Schools after more than 20 years of driving.

Morgan served on the Sumpter Township Board of Review, the Economic Development Committee, and volunteered for Neighborhood Watch in the 1990s.

She is a sponsoring member of the USA, a member of the Michigan Democratic Party, member of Sumpter Seniors, and member of Women of the Moose Chapter 1135.

She loves spending time with her family, playing with her four grandsons, and doing yardwork. Morgan is a big NASCAR fan and football fan and enjoys camping, hunting, and traveling.

She is running for office because, “I have lived in Sumpter Township for 31 years, this is my home, my children and grandchildren all live here. I want to continue to bring my leadership and vision to Sumpter Township to build a brighter future for Sumpter working families like mine. I have the character, integrity and leadership experience necessary to continue to move Sumpter Township forward.”

Morgan lists her goals. “I will prioritize road projects and ensure accountability. I promise to work tirelessly to deliver results for the hardworking taxpayers of our township. I will listen to all residents' concerns. I will continue to represent all taxpayers and residents. I will continue to maintain Sumpter Township's balanced budget. I will continue obtaining grants



Morgan

for our fire department, thereby saving the township money. I will continue to keep our essential services and will always look for any suggestions to improve them.”

Matthew Oddy for Trustee Incumbent

Matthew Oddy, 48, of 17638 Odyssey Drive, has lived in Sumpter Township for 36 years. He has been married to Elizabeth (Baker) Oddy for 18 years and they have two children, Mikayla and Madilyne, attending Van Buren Public Schools.

He and his wife are both graduates of Belleville High School and their family has been residents of Sumpter Township for 36 years and living in the Sumpter-area for 46 years.

He has a Bachelor of Business Administration with a double major in Accounting and Strategic Management from Eastern Michigan University. He has worked in accounting and management for the same company for more than 23 years.

This is his first bid for elective office. In 2008 he began serving the residents of Sumpter after being appointed to the planning commission by then-Supervisor Johnny Vawters.

In 2014 Oddy was appointed as Sumpter Township Trustee when Trustee Alan Bates vacated the seat after Bates was appointed Treasurer. This was part of the shifting of duties on the board following the resignation of Supervisor Vawters for health reasons.

In 2014 he also was appointed liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals and chairman of the Sumpter Marijuana Committee.

Oddy was a Van Buren Soccer coach for 10 years and is an avid scuba diver and golfer.

When asked why he is running for office, Oddy said: “I believe that you need to do more than just live in a community. You must take responsibility for the direction your community moves in and to do that you must actively participate in its management, planning, and development.

“Being a lifelong resident of the Sumpter area, I have an understanding of the type of community that the residents desire. I enjoy serving the residents of Sumpter Township in an oversight capacity to ensure that the township continues to operate efficiently, economically, and provides the best Police, Fire, Water, and general services possible.

“My education, 23 years of management experience, and eight years of public service experience make me a highly qualified candidate to provide the leadership, experience, and trust that the residents deserve from a Sumpter Township Trustee,” he said.

“Looking forward, if elected I want to represent the residents in the highest capacity and be their voice and advocate in developing a future for our community with



Oddy

the highest standard of living possible.

“To reach that goal I will continue to dedicate myself to maintain and improve the township's financial stability, work to secure alternative revenue sources, implement best practices to improve township services, analyze expenditures and implement cost-saving measures, lobby for road funding and maintenance, improve our parks and recreational activities, and design and plan future growth that balances country living and urbanization and meets the changing culture and environment.”

Jennifer Price for Trustee

Jennifer Price, 43, of 21000 Martinsville Road is running for Trustee, her first bid for elective office.

She has been married to Brent Price for 20 years and their daughter Taylor is 19. She is a 2015 graduate of Huron High School in New Boston and currently is attending Michigan State University.

The Prices have lived in Sumpter Township for three years. Jennifer has lived in the 48111 zip code for her entire life.

She is a 1991 graduate of Belleville High School and is celebrating 20 years of employment as an Account Clerk for the Charter Township of Van Buren.

She belongs to Wayne County 4-H, AFSCME Local 236, AFSCME negotiation team, AFSCME Union Steward, AFSCME Local 236 vice president, Wayne County Fair Association, 100 Club, Eastern Michigan Arabian Association, new member of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, and a family member with the National Rifle Association.

Her hobbies are gardening, remodeling their home, enjoying their property with the horses, and most important, family time.

“I am running for Sumpter Township trustee because I moved to the community three years ago. I had a very difficult time moving from my previous home. Acclimating to Sumpter Township, to my surprise, was quite easy. The rural atmosphere has been amazing; people actually stop, smile at you, and even say hi! Our family achieved our goal of building an indoor arena and horse stables for our horses. Being part of this community made me realize that I really enjoy it and that I want to be a part of a team that will focus on making something good out of our community, being involved, participating with the board in making sure that we were mindful with the growth of our area and fiscally responsible. Through working with local government for 20 years I have extensive experience of the internal operation. I also have background with grants, understanding both the writing of grants as well as the reimbursement,” she said.

As far as her goals: “I would like to see that we have more detailed conversation



Price

at our work study and board meetings of the items that are on the board agenda so the public is familiar with what exactly is being voted on.

“As a township board, it is our duty to serve our residents. I will make sure that if something is on the board agenda and it affects certain areas of our township that those residents within a generous distance are notified to be able to come to our meetings and share concerns and/or receive detailed information about the project.

As a township trustee, I will strive to be involved at the highest level to make sure communication with our residents is at its highest. I will also aim high to make sure that communication is also at its highest within the board of trustees.

“As a township trustee, every item that I vote on will be researched, questions asked and answered before I will vote. I am an independent thinker and will vote in favor of what is best for our entire community.

“As a township trustee, I would like to address the blight in our community. I will aim to make sure that we put our ordinances to work for us. If that means altering the ordinances, then we must take action to achieve that goal. Through campaigning I have learned this has been a concern with a lot of our residents.”

Ronald Barrington Robinson for Trustee

Ronald Barrington Robinson of 333 Utah Street has lived in Sumpter Township for 19 years. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Political Science Criminal Justice.

He is retired from the State of Michigan Department of Corrections.

He ran for office before in the 7th Ward City Council, Flint, MI, and vice president of the NAACP in Flint, MI.

Robinson said he has never been appointed to public office because, “I don't believe in appointed positions – only elected positions. Democracy must prevail at all times.”

He belongs to the American Civil Liberties Union, Southern Poverty Law Center and the NAACP.

When asked why he is running for office, he said: “To instill transparency, integrity and financial responsibility to the taxpayers of Sumpter Township, Michigan.”

Once elected, his goal is: “to bring back honor and trust to the citizens of Sumpter Township, Michigan.”

Tim Rush for Trustee

Tim Rush, 59, of 28941 Martinsville Road (that is in the New Boston zip code area) has lived in Sumpter for 27 years.

He is the only Republican on the Sumpter Township part of the ballot and is not opposed in the Aug. 2 primary election. He previously was elected Sumpter Trustee

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Robinson

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in 2004 and served his term.

Rush is a graduate of the National Institute of Technology and was the 1986 class valedictorian. He is a licensed Federal Communications Commission engineer.



Rush

For the last 22 years he has been working as a corporate/private Security Consultant. For the last 26 years, he also has been working with Washtenaw County Emergency Management. He is on the directors' "On Call" staff. His duties include maintaining/design of critical emergency communications systems and Emergency Management Planning.

He has been a member of the American Radio Relay League since 1982 and is an Endowment member of the NRA.

Rush said he is running because of pressure from citizens of the township to run again.

"I was elected as trustee in 2004 and served my term. Sumpter Township is a diamond in the rough. It needs qualified, experienced people in elected office to assure that the township is run like a business and elected officials that understand the law and abide by it.

As far as goals, he said: "The fiscal health of the township is by far the most pressing issue. The township currently enjoys a beneficial revenue stream from the Carleton Farms landfill. This revenue will not continue forever. The township needs to have long-range plans for when this revenue ends. We need to make sure that we have alternate income by enticing small business and light industry to increase our tax base while at the same time maintaining the rural atmosphere that we all value so much."

He also wants to establish a better policy for addressing blight in the township.

"The township's water infrastructure is getting very old and needs repairs and upgrades. It is an accident waiting to happen and needs to be addressed now," he said.

"The township needs to establish a 'Rainy Day/Building Fund.' For far too long past administrations have been reactive instead of proactive. Establishing this fund in a 'Lock Box' would insure that we are never caught off guard. Foresight and planning will help assure that the residents of the township will not have to bear the burden of increased taxes and millages."

He wants to use his knowledge as a Security Consultant and in Emergency Management preparedness to help educate the board and citizens of the township about manmade and natural disasters that could affect Sumpter Township.

"I can promote positive change in Sumpter Township by utilizing my problem-solving

abilities that I have acquired through education and experience," Rush said.

"For Sumpter Township to overcome these challenges of the future it should not be the officials that make critical decisions alone. The people of the community need to get involved. I can work with anyone's ideas on the board or from the community as long as the ideas are backed up with sound foresight and planning for Sumpter Township's future. We ALL have a vested interest in our future. Sumpter is our home and together we can make it the finest township in Wayne County!"

Jane J. Stalmack for Trustee

Jane J. Stalmack, 67, of 48066 Willis Road, has lived in Sumpter Township for more than 60 years, pretty much since birth.

She holds a Special Education degree from Eastern Michigan University, with some work on a master's degree. She presently works as a substitute teacher in the Van Buren Public Schools.



Stalmack

She has been on the Sumpter Township Planning Commission for three, four-year terms and is serving as chairman for the sixth year. She also served on the planning commission for two years in the early 1980s.

She has served on the Marijuana Ordinance committee from 2014 to the present and on the Sumpter Board of Zoning Appeals for two terms and two years as chairperson.

She also served as secretary of the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library, on the executive board of the Adirondack Red Cross, Society of Human Resources Management, Police Commissioner of Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, and steering committee and board member of Career Horizons at EMU.

When asked why she is running for office, she replied: "As a member of the township board I would be able to be an advocate for change and growth in Sumpter. I feel my educational, professional, and personal experiences and background could and would be an advantage to the growth and oversight capacity needed in our community."

Her goals once elected are: "Improve township services, review existing records to identify and install cost-saving line items, improve senior services, expand recreational and educational services for all residents, define how business growth continues the 'marriage' between our desired country living and urbanization, and have an open-door policy."

Don Swinson for Trustee Incumbent

Don Swinson, 53, of 46490 Claxton Drive, is running for reelection as Trustee. He has lived in and around Sumpter Township most of his life.

He is married to Holly Swinson and they have a daughter Selena, age 20.

Swinson is employed at Atchinson Ford and has been on the sales team for 19 years.

As a Trustee, Swinson is liaison to the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission, and appointed to the Belleville Area chamber of Commerce to represent and be the voice of Sumpter Township. He served as chairman and co-chairman for Parks and Recreation and served for five years on the Planning Commission.

He is a member of the Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club, an associate member of the Fraternal Order of Police, member of BYC (Belleville Yacht Club) and went from applicant to candidate for Washtenaw Sportsman's Club.

He is a graduate of Belleville High School, Master Certified through Ford Motor Company, and achieved a Level #3 Employee Excellence Award. He graduated from Dale Carnegie, majoring in effective speaking and human relations; completed Dynamics of Personnel Leadership; and Industrial Engineering Methods programs.

Swinson enjoys spending time with his family, fishing with his daughter, golfing, going Up North, and community volunteerism.

He said his objective is to maintain a high level of effectiveness and productivity by contributing his talents and efforts to a community that encourages productive thoughts and positive results.

Swinson said he possesses integrity, strong moral beliefs, common sense, objective thinking, self-motivation, excellent communication skills, organization and a goal-oriented philosophy. He said he is a well-disciplined individual who is very personable and conscientious toward others.

Swinson said his goals are "to keep an open forum for residents to be able to have an integral involvement in township issues/concerns and decisions, to maintain financial stability for the township, to seek new businesses for a solid tax base, to continue to focus support for the township's police and fire departments, and to find a way to integrate renewable energies for our township and our residents. Work on a better plan for recycling within our township."



Swinson

Sumpter Township Ballot Proposals

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POLICE PROTECTION MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Sumpter Township of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), be renewed and levied for 6 years, 2016 through 2021 inclusive for police protection, operations, and maintenance of the Sumpter Township police department, raising an estimated \$322,439.00 in the first year the millage is levied?

YES ☐
NO ☐

POLICE PROTECTION MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Sumpter Township of 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), be renewed and levied for 6 years, 2016 through 2021 inclusive for police protection, operations, and maintenance of the Sumpter Township police department, raising an estimated \$644,878.00 in the first year the millage is levied?

YES ☐
NO ☐

FIRE PROTECTION MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Sumpter Township of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), be renewed and levied for 4 years, 2016 through 2019 inclusive for fire department protection, operations, and maintenance of the Sumpter Township fire department, raising an estimated \$322,439.00 in the first year the millage is levied?

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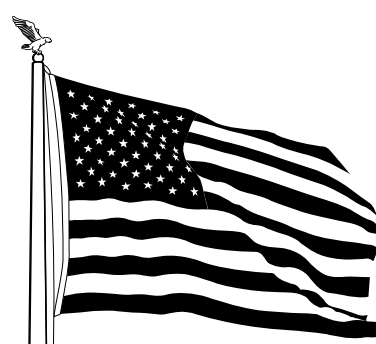
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REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 17th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 17th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1
Joseph Bellino, Jr.	Bill LaVoy

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TOWNSHIP	
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Vote for not more than 1	
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

NOTICE OF ADOPTION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE 06-21-16

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ZONING ORDINANCE 06-02-92, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

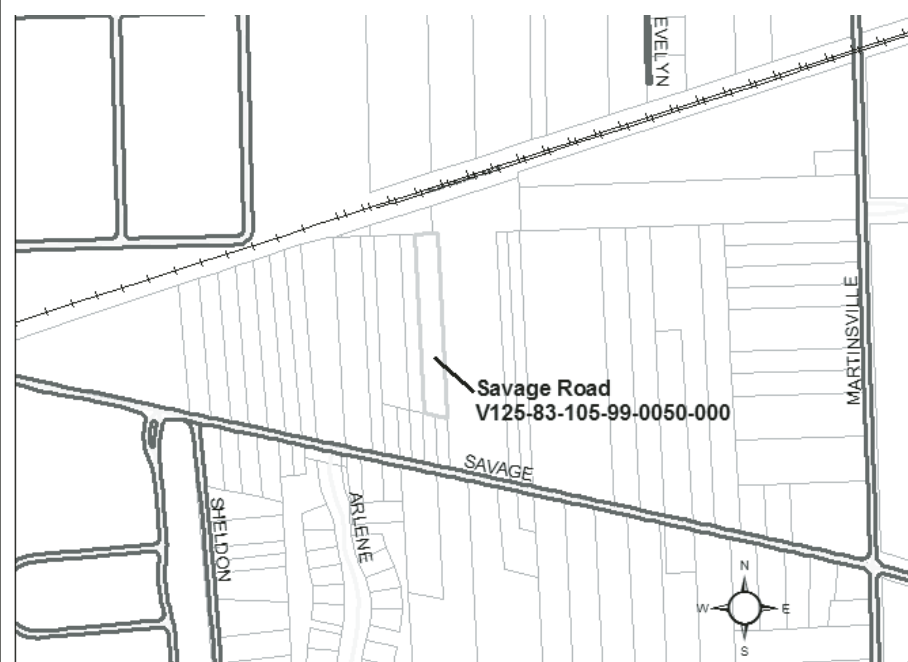
The Charter Township of Van Buren Ordains:

SECTION 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Zoning Map in connection with the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

Ordinance No. 06-21-16

A request to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcel V125-83-105-99-0050-000 from M-1 (Light Industrial) to R-1B (Single Family Residential).



This property is located on the north side of Savage Road between Sheldon Road and Martinsville Road.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

In the event any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this ordinance is deemed invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion deemed severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEALER.

Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect seven (7) days after publication of the notice of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within fifteen (15) days of passage. A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 during normal business hours.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Special Meeting, called and held on the 28th day of June, 2016.

YEAS: Jahr, Miller, Hart, McClanahan
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Combs, Wright, Budd
ABSTAINED: None

Adopted: June 28, 2016
Published: July 7, 2016
Effective: July 15, 2016

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 508 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, June 26:

0004 – fireworks, North Shore Dr.
0057 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0107 – traffic hazard, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
0203 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
0240 – liquor violation, W. Huron River Dr.
0339 – neighbor trouble, Brandi
0400 – property damage accident, Van Born / Haggerty
0528 – breaking & entering, Riggs Rd.
0758 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
0825 – malicious destruction of property, Riggs
0851 – larceny, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1010 – mental, Haggerty Rd.
1205 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1210 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville
1254 – private property incident, Belleville
1423 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
1552 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1642 – motorist assist, WB I-94/Rawsonville
2029 – suicide or attempt, Outer Dr.
2052 – fireworks, Sumpter Rd.
2158 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.

Monday, June 27:

0122 – property damage accident, SB I-275/Ecorse
0521 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0552 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0751 – personal injury accident, NB I-275/Hannan, cancel
1203 – fight, E. Archwood Dr.
1254 – code enforcement, Martinsville Rd.
1454 – agency assist, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1531 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1625 – property damage accident, Bemis/Sumpter
1720 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1748 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1806 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2023 – disturbance, Beacon Trl.
2050 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
2255 – disturbance, Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, June 28:

2244 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
0701 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1143 – fraud, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1220 – malicious destruction of property, Van Buren Park
1408 – dumping complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1558 – traffic hazard, Beck Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1753 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1827 – PPO violation, Denton Rd.
2016 – PPO violation, Belleville Rd.
2055 – family trouble, Denton Rd.
2125 – noise complaint, N. Cumberland Dr.
2144 – harassment call, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2304 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, June 29:

0258 – agency assist, Carriage Ln.
0843 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Dewitt Rd.
1004 – abandoned auto, Daniel Dr./Bradley Dr.
1021 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1022 – malicious destruction of property, Anna Dr.
1324 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1342 – trespassing, Woodgrove Dr.
1418 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.
1448 – private property accident, Van Born
1502 – larceny, Water Works
1655 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/I-275
1812 – fraud, N. Cumberland Dr.
1855 – assault & battery, Ventura Dr.
2009 – disorderly conduct, Rawsonville Rd.
2059 – ordinance violation, N. Timberview Dr.
2238 – operating while intoxicated, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

Thursday, June 30:

0635 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
0904 – hospice, Van Buren Ln.
0910 – malicious destruction of property, Pinewood Ln.
1002 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. /

Denton Rd.

1003 – private property accident, Van Born
1204 – intimidation threat, Brandi
1325 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1352 – overdose, Rose Blvd.
1511 – fraud, Hamilton
1548 – trespassing, Jacobs Boots & Saddle
1639 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

1942 – abandoned auto, Elwell Rd./W. Huron River Dr.

2059 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2114 – agency assist, Belleville Rd./S. Service Dr.
2126 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2135 – water leak found, Briarwood Ct., cancel
2205 – traffic hazard, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
2216 – assault & battery, S. Dartmoor Cir.
2324 – assault & battery, S. Bellridge Dr.

Friday, July 1:

0847 – agency assist, E. Huron River Dr.
0959 – neighbor trouble, Red Oak Dr.
1004 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Marina Cv.
1059 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
1229 – motorist assist, DNR Boat Launch / Rawsonville
1230 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1422 – PPO violation, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1441 – fraud, Anna Dr.
1456 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
1525 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Kirkridge Park Dr.
1610 – private property accident, Pond Bluff Dr.
1729 – ATV/ORV complaint, Sandalwood Dr.
1852 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
2201 – fireworks, Chaney Ave./Roulo St.
2205 – malicious destruction of property, Rolan Meadows Dr.
2207 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.
2212 – fireworks, Pine Dr.
2248 – juvenile complaint, Woodbury Green
2256 – weapons violation, Savage Rd.
2331 – disorderly conduct, Rawsonville Rd.
2347 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, July 2:

0112 – private property incident, Belleville Rd.
0133 – assist fire dept., Ash Dr.
0147 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0248 – agency assist, Belleville Rd.
0331 – noise complaint, E. Archwood Dr.
0913 – assist fire dept., Ash Dr.
0958 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Oak Ln.
1025 – malicious destruction of property, Hardwood Dr.
1234 – B&E motor vehicle, Westlake
1324 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1359 – property damage accident, Water Works
1412 – B&E motor vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1512 – fraud, Tyler Rd.
1533 – suspicious situation, Belleville Lake
1539 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1744 – suspicious person, North Shore Dr.
1745 – disturbance, Belleville Rd.
1918 – retail fraud, Belleville
1915 – traffic complaint, E. Huron River Dr. / Potter Dr.

1945 – ATV/ORV complaint, Sheldon/Savage
2001 – assault & battery, Spruce Ln.
2015 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2134 – fireworks, Chaney Ave.
2201 – fireworks, Beacon Trl.
2212 – fireworks, Gilmore St.
2222 – fireworks, Ormond Dr.
2235 – fireworks, Alden Ave./Haggerty Rd.
2209 – fireworks, Andover Dr.
2305 – disorderly conduct, BP Belleville/I-94
2306 – fireworks, Chatsworth Dr./Endicott Dr.
2307 – fireworks, Beck Rd.
2339 – fireworks, Parkwood Manor
2345 – noise complaint, Madison Dr.

Also on this week's log are 155 traffic stops, 14 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways and eight within the City of Belleville.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 26:

0329 – property check, Main St.
0525 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0611 – assist fire dept., Edison Ave.
1033 – miscellaneous complaint, W. Columbia
1209 – lost property, W. Columbia Ave.
1229 – assist fire dept., W. Wabash Ave.
1334 – vehicle lockout, E. Huron River Dr.
1416 – domestic assault, Mister Goofy's
1432 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1623 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1727 – operating while intoxicated, Main St.
1737 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1809 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1813 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.
2054 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
2359 – disorderly conduct, Main St.

Monday, June 27:

0918 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1225 – assist fire dept., Third St.
1246 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1930 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1947 – animal complaint, Light Tower Ct.
2027 – agency assist, Beacon Trl.
2037 – neighbor trouble, N. Edgemont Ave.
2221 – noise complaint, Owen Intermediate School, cancel
2328 – suspicious situation, Biggs Ave./E. Huron River Dr.

Tuesday, June 28:

0001 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0040 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
0640 – vehicle lock out, Brain St.
1112 – malicious destruction of property, Belle Villa Blvd.
1148 – miscellaneous complaint, Carmell St.
1203 – malicious destruction of property, Horizon Park
1438 – private property incident, Belle Villa Blvd. / Menlo Park Dr.
1832 – property check, E. Waterbury Ct.

Wednesday, June 29:

1707 – bank drop, Chase
2236 – assist fire dept., Henry St.

Thursday, June 30:

1234 – warrant arrest, High St./Brain St.
1523 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
1536 – warrant arrest, Estrada Dr.
1855 – suspicious situation, N. Edgemont Ave.
1909 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Santa Clara
2321 – welfare check, Church St.

Friday, July 1:

1456 – narcotics crime, Hillside Cemetery
2014 – assist fire dept., E. Columbia Ave.
2158 – fireworks, Tuscan Manor
2213 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.

Saturday, July 2:

0021 – warrant arrest, Burger King, Michigan Ave.
0159 – assist fire dept., Light Tower Ct.
0416 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Carmell St.
1029 – water leak found, Potter Dr., cancel
1126 – welfare check, First St.
1426 – suspicious situation, South St.
1502 – suspicious situation, South St.
1735 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
2158 – fireworks, Loza Ln.
2205 – fireworks, Liberty
2212 – fireworks, South St.
2248 – fireworks, High St.
2307 – suspicious person, South St.
2358 – noise complaint, W. Wabash Ave.

Also on this week's log are 40 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 26:

0341 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0534 – assist other agency, out of township
0930 – neighbor dispute, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1026 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1118 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1129 – breaking & entering report, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1353 – warrant arrest pick up, 18000 bl. Sumpter
1600 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2042 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Fenster Rd.
2043 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2222 – family trouble, E. Arizona
2236 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, Rustic Ln.

Monday, June 27:

0237 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
0432 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0836 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1156 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1220 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1222 – threats complaint, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1432 – alarm, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1453 – personal injury accident, 8700 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1619 – breaking & entering report, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.

Rd.

1625 – assist other agency, Bemis/Sumpter
1711 – alarm, Alaska
1926 – alarm, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1928 – animal complaint, 7000 bl. Oakville Waltz
1930 – subpoena service, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1946 – juvenile complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood
2049 – subpoena service, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2055 – assist other agency, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2135 – family trouble, California
2245 – warrant arrest pick up, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.

2328 – juvenile complaint, Rustic Ln.

Tuesday, June 28:

0036 – alarm, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0152 – breaking & entering report, Colorado
0401 – malicious destruction of property, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0645 – abandoned vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood
0750 – subpoena service, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
0820 – suspicious incident, California
1040 – animal complaint, Sherwood/Willis
1056 – fire dept. assist, Washington
1315 – threats complaint, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
2146 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.

Wednesday, June 29:

0208 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1205 – threats complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1415 – reckless driver, Elwell/Oakville Waltz
1550 – property damage accident, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1730 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, June 30:

0250 – suspicious person, Willis/Sumpter
0447 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0929 – warrant arrest pick up, Rawsonville/Willis
1055 – fire dept. assist, Birch Ct.
1123 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1200 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1247 – juvenile complaint, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1440 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1636 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter

Friday, July 1:

0946 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
0948 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Martinsville/Willis Ct.
1047 – fire dept. assist, Birch Ct
1450 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1504 – civil dispute, Second St.
1518 – well-being check, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1636 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1657 – alarm, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
1908 – fire dept. assist, Sumpter/Wear
2002 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Ray Ln.
2128 – alarm, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
2205 – fireworks complaint, Washington
2214 – disorderly person, 23000 bl. Martinsville
2227 – fireworks complaint, Bemis/Martinsville
2247 – alarm, Oregon
1149 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Martinsville

Saturday, July 2:

0911 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1041 – suspicious incident, California
1046 – suspicious incident, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1618 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1745 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Harris Rd
1823 – property damage accident, Judd / Martinsville
2019 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
2049 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
2115 – suspicious incident, Sumpter/Willis
2223 – fireworks complaint, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.

Also on this week's log are 17 follow-up investigations, 35 miscellaneous details, 114 patrol checks, and 40 traffic stops.

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Publish: June 30, 2016; July 7, 2016, July 14, 2016, July 21, 2016

City of Belleville Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at J&M Towing, 5760 Belleville Road, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle will be held:

2000 FORD, STA-WAGON, VIN: 1FMZU83P6YZB62432

DATE: JUNE 29, 2016

BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
6 MAIN STREET

PUBLISH: JULY 7, 2016

BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111

BY SHERRI SCHARF, CITY CLERK

City of Belleville Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at Region Towing at 45908 Bemis Road, Belleville in the County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle will be held:

2002 FORD, STA-WAGON, VIN: 1FMZU72E02ZA94243

DATE: JUNE 29, 2016

BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
6 MAIN STREET

PUBLISH: JULY 7, 2016

BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111

BY SHERRI SCHARF, CITY CLERK

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
- 2) Homestead exemption status; and
- 3) Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 18, 2016.

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Post: July 1, 2016

Publish: July 7, 2016
July 14, 2016

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville JULY BOARD OF REVIEW



The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the City of Belleville will meet at City Hall, 6 Main Street on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

The purpose of the meeting will be to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact.

Property assessments can only be changed for:

1. Homestead exemption status.
2. Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify under item 1 or 2 should call Belleville City Hall at 734-697-9323 ext. 7016 prior to July 19, 2016.

City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: July 7, 2016

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 28, 2016

Trustee Hart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright and Treasurer Budd. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Developmental Services Director Akers, and no audience.

Trustee Hart announced that Supervisor Combs would not be attendance and, on behalf of the Board, offered support and comfort to the Supervisor and her family.

Jahr moved, Miller seconded to appoint Trustee Hart as Chairman of the meeting. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: McClanahan moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Board Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2016 and the Prepaid List of June 24, 2016]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Trustee Hart read a letter praising the professionalism of Officer Barry during her recent traffic stop. Trustee Miller read a letter from a citizen praising Sergeant Abdilla and Officer King for their professionalism and support when responding to the accident that resulted in the death of her son.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Miller seconded to approve the 2nd (final) reading of Ordinance 6-21-16 the rezoning of parcel V-125-83-105-99-0050-000 (1.54 acres) from M-1 (Light Industrial) to R-1B (Single Family Residential) Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Hart, Jahr, McClanahan and Miller, Nays: None, Absent/Excused: Combs, Wright and Budd. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

NON AGENDA: Trustee McClanahan read a statement praising the Public Safety Department

for their continued professionalism, community outreach and mission to serve our community.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda Combs, Supervisor

Publish: July 7, 2016

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Sunday, July 31st 3:00pm
First United Methodist Church
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Harry Roesch

for Van Buren Township Treasurer

QUALIFICATIONS

I received my Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tri-State College, Angola, IN. My qualifications for the Treasurer position are supported by work experiences serving on the Executive, Supervisory and Budget Committees at Community Focus Federal Credit Union.

Working at Great Lakes Steel, I was in charge of budgeting, tracking budget variances and working with auditors and regulators.

**If elected, I will donate
10% of my salary to
local organizations.**

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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MY GOALS AS TREASURER

- ★ Find ways to reduce the Visteon debt without raising taxes
- ★ Work with the Board of Trustees and other Elected Officials, sharing ideas and forming the best solutions for Van Buren Township
- ★ Respecting and supporting all Van Buren Township Employees
- ★ To be a source of support and information to the residents

Paid for by Committee to Elect Harry R. Roesch,
47541 N. Shore Dr, Belleville, MI 48111

Vote August 2nd

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Keep Sumpter Township's excellent bond rating.

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Continue to seek grant monies for the Township.

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Always keep Sumpter Township as "Country Living At Its Finest"!

VOTE AUGUST 2, 2016

More Letters

Let's declare July 16 as Atomic Veterans Day

To the Editor:

On Feb. 16, 2016, South Carolina introduced a concurrent resolution for Atomic Veterans Day July 16, 2016.

The problem with this Resolution is that it misses the mark on helping these veterans and their families receive compensation they were denied and medical help their families need.

This Resolution was a good idea, but please read the Resolution provided and understand that unless corrections have been made that it does not help the veteran and his or her family.

To Declare July 16, 2016 as

Atomic Veterans Day in Michigan

Whereas, throughout the history of this great State and nation, brave Michigan men and women answering the call of duty and service, have defended our freedoms as members of the United States Armed Forces:

and

Whereas, more than two hundred thousand American service members, including Michigan, participated in aboveground nuclear tests between 1945 and 1962, served with the United States military occupation forces in or around Hiroshima or Nagasaki;

and

Whereas, with the aid of American Service Members, the United States conducted the Trinity nuclear test, the world's first detonation of a nuclear device, in New Mexico on July 16, 1945, as a result of the Manhattan Project;

and

Whereas, all these atomic veterans were exposed to radiation during their military service and, due to that exposure, have developed other medical conditions or disabilities and not just cancer, and deserve compensation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for any and all medical conditions they developed while being participants in any of these testings;

and

Whereas, in 1996, the United States Congress repealed the Nuclear Radiation and Secrecy Agreements Act, thus freeing all atomic veterans to describe their military involvement in nuclear testing in order to file for VA benefits;

and

Whereas, all atomic veterans will be eligible for free medical care from the VA and compensation in the form of a partial or full service-connected Disability allowance, including payments to a surviving spouse or children under RECA Compensation Act;

and

Whereas, the National Association of Atomic Veterans were formed in 1979 to help atomic veterans obtain medical care and assistance; an atomic veteran does not have to belong to this organization to qualify for assistance or compensation;

and

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that all atomic veterans be recognized for their service and sacrifice, Now, therefore, the Department of Justice and VA who has denied these veterans and families compensation, needs to approve all applications for compensation in an immediate and timely manner, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, declare July 16, 2016 as Atomic Veterans Day in Michigan.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to all government Offices and officials, in the state of Michigan to post and honor this day.

Toni Clark, Sumpter Township

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• **Friday, July 8** – Van Buren Township presents "Takin' it to the Park" from 1 to 4 p.m. at Van Buren Park, 50901 S. I-94 Service Dr. FREE. Sponsored by federal CDBG funds because the park is now considered to be in a low-income area. Free lunch between 1-2:30 p.m., while supplies last. Inflatables, games, crafts, music, face painting, entertainment.

• **Friday, July 8** – Friends Family Drive-In FREE Movie night, sunset, 9:13 p.m. Family films, fun, food, all free. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Featuring: "Risen." Questions: (734) 482-5074. Preview: www.friendsfamilytheater.com

• **Friday, July 8** – Romulus DDA presents free Sounds in Downtown at the Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt Street, at 7 p.m. Tonight it's Toppermost, a Beatles Tribute.

• **Sunday, July 10** – Jay Frandson performs from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Sunday, July 10** – Belleville Community Band Summer Concert begins at 4 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street.

• **Thursday, July 14** – Yard Sale, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Antiques Appraisal Day, 3-7 p.m., all at the Belleville Area Museum.



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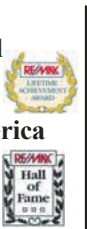
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